

IN THE CLAIMS:

The following is a complete listing of the claims in this application, reflects all changes currently being made to the claims, and replaces all earlier versions and all earlier listings of the claims:

Claim 1 (previously presented): A server for making it possible for a remote client, the client being of a plurality of clients to control an image sensing device via a communication medium and for controlling to transfer video information, which has been captured by the image sensing device, to the plurality of clients via the communication medium, said server comprising:

an input device, adapted to enter selectively a first request or a second request generated by a user different from any one of the plurality of clients, the first request being for acquiring information identifying the plurality of clients to which the video information captured by the image sensing device is transferred, and the second request being for acquiring information identifying the remote client to which said server gives a control privilege to control the optical system and orientation of the image sensing device remotely and exclusively; and

a notification device, responsive to the entered request, adapted to report the information identifying the plurality of clients or the remote client to the user.

Claim 2 (previously presented): A server according to claim 1, wherein the image sensing device is a camera having a two-dimensional image sensing device.

Claim 3 (canceled)

Claim 4 (previously presented): A server according to claim 1, wherein control of the image sensing device includes optical control and orientation control.

Claim 5 (previously presented): A server according to claim 1, wherein said input device includes:

a voice input unit; and

a recognition unit, adapted to recognize a voice input by said voice input unit.

Claim 6 (previously presented): A server according to claim 1, wherein the information reported by said notification device includes user names of connected clients.

Claim 7 (previously presented): A server according to claim 1 or 6, wherein said notification device reports by voice.

Claim 8 (previously presented): A method of controlling a server for making it possible for a remote client, the client being of a plurality of clients to control an image sensing device via a communication medium and for controlling to transfer video information, which has been captured by the image sensing device, to the plurality of clients via the communication medium, said method comprising:

an input step, of selectively entering a first request or a second request, generated by a user different from any one of the plurality of clients, the first request being for acquiring information identifying the plurality of clients to which the video information captured by the image sensing device is transferred, and the second request being for acquiring information identifying the remote client to which the server gives a control privilege to control the optical system and orientation of the image sensing device the image sensing device remotely and exclusively; and

a notification step, performed in response to the entered request, of reporting the information identifying the plurality of clients or the remote client to the user.

Claim 9 (previously presented): A method according to claim 8, wherein the image sensing device is a camera having a two-dimensional image sensing device.

Claim 10 (previously presented): A storage medium storing program code executing a method of controlling a server for making it possible for a remote client, the client being of a plurality of clients to control an image sensing device via a communication medium and for controlling to transfer video information, which has been captured by the image sensing device, to the plurality of clients via the communication medium, said program code comprising:

code for an input step, of selectively entering a first request or a second request, generated by a user different from any one of the plurality of clients, the first request being for acquiring information identifying the plurality of clients to which the video information captured by the image sensing device is transferred, and the second request being

for acquiring information identifying the remote client to which the server gives a control privilege to control the optical system and orientation of the image sensing device the image sensing device remotely and exclusively; and

code for a notification step, of, responsive to the entered request, reporting the information identifying the plurality of clients or the remote client to the user.

Claim 11 (previously presented): A storage medium according to claim 10, wherein the image sensing device is a camera having a two-dimensional image sensing device.

Claim 12 (previously presented): A system comprising at least one remote client terminal connected to a communication medium, and a server for making it possible for said remote client terminal, the remote client terminal being of a plurality of client terminals, to control an image sensing device via the communication medium and for controlling to transfer video information, which has been captured by the image sensing device, to the plurality of client terminals via the communication medium, said server comprising:

an input device, adapted to enter selectively a first request or a second request, generated by a user different from any one of the plurality of client terminals, the first request being for acquiring information identifying the client terminals to which the video information captured by the image sensing device is transferred, and the second being for acquiring information identifying the remote client terminal to which said server gives a

control privilege to control the optical system and orientation of the image sensing device remotely and exclusively, and

a notification device, responsive to the entered request, adapted to report the information identifying the plurality of client terminals or the remote client terminal to the user.

Claim 13 (previously presented): A system according to claim 12, wherein the image sensing device is a camera having a two-dimensional image sensing device.

Claims 14-35 (canceled)